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TO AMEMBASSY RABAT

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT NIXON TO KING HASSAN (ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED):
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YOUR MAJESTY:

2. QUOTE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT MESSAGE FOLLOWING THE
VISIT OF AMBASSADOR ROBERT MURPHY TO MOROCCO. HE HAS
REPORTED FULLY TO ME ON THE WARM RECEPTION GIVEN HIM BY
YOUR MAJESTY AND HE HAS CONVEYED TO ME YOUR MAJESTY'S VIEWS
ON RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I HAVE ALSO
RECEIVED THE VIEWS OF YOUR PRIVATE EMISSARY.

3. QUOTE. ENDURING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COMMON INTEREST
ALREADY EXIST BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE UNITED STATES AND I
AM GRATIFIED AT YOUR MAJESTY'S INTEREST IN BROADENING AND
DEEPENING THEM. I AM THEREFORE GIVING CAREFUL THOUGHT TO
THE QUESTION YOUR MAJESTY HAS RAISED IN OUR RECENT EXCHANGES
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REGARDING WAYS IN WHICH OUR PRESENT RELATIONSHIP MAY BE STRENGTHENED. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING, OF COURSE, IS THE FOUNDATION OF FRIENDSHIP ON WHICH OUR RELATIONSHIP RESTS, AND ON THIS POINT YOUR MAJESTY MAY BE ASSURED BOTH OF OUR GREAT PERSONAL ESTEEM AND RESPECT AND OF OUR DESIRE FOR STRONG, COOPERATIVE AND ENDURING FRIENDSHIP WITH THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

4. QUOTE. WITH THIS IN MIND, I HAVE ASKED SECRETARY ROGERS TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MOROCCO AND THE UNITED STATES AND TO BE PREPARED, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, TO DISCUSS THEM FURTHER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA OR SUCH OTHER REPRESENTATIVE AS YOUR MAJESTY MAY WISH TO DESIGNATE. I AM CERTAIN THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS WILL BE FRUITFUL.

5. QUOTE. WITH MY WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY, RICHARD NIXON. END QUOTE.

6. IN DELIVERING LETTER, YOU SHOULD SAY WE WOULD WELCOME VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA TO WASHINGTON AND, IF IT IS AGREEABLE TO HIS MAJESTY, YOU WILL ARRANGE MUTUALLY AGREEABLE DATE DIRECTLY WITH FONMIN.

7. PROVIDED HIS MAJESTY CONCURS, YOU SHOULD INFORM FONMIN BENHIMA THAT SECRETARY WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET WITH HIM ON MONDAY, MARCH 26 OR THURSDAY, MARCH 29 IF EITHER OF THOSE DATES CONVENIENT. SECRETARY ALSO WISHES EXTEND INVITATION TO FONMIN FOR LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THEIR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING.

8. FRENCH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. ROGERS

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